

both at drive-through mass vaccine sites and at stores, malls, and places of worship. CHC's tireless efforts to equitably distribute the vaccine to all members of the community received national and international recognition, including from the White House.

CHC's restless drive to innovate, dating back to the spirit of its founders in 1972, and its unwavering belief that healthcare is a right and not a privilege, has driven the organization's remarkable contributions in the last half century. I could not be more proud to join the Middletown community in celebrating this very special anniversary with the Community Health Center, Inc. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to ensuring, that everyone—regardless of circumstance—has access to affordable, quality health care serves as an example to us all. I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to President and CEO, Mark Masselli, Margaret Flinter, Senior Vice President and Clinical Director, and the entire CHC family on this very special occasion. As we say in Italian—C'ent Anni.

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JOHN WALSH

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**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Staff Sergeant (SSG), Mr. John Walsh of Cherry Hill, New Jersey who dedicated 50 years of his life to his community and our country.

SSG Walsh was born in Chicago, Illinois, enlisting in the Illinois National Guard in 1961. He completed his basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, where he was awarded a Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.

SSG Walsh was also trained in Air Defense as a Radar Fire Control Crewman at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served our country for 6 more years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Continuing his dedication and service to his community and country, SSG Walsh is involved locally, serving his neighbors and fellow veterans as the Senior Vice Commander of the American Legion 372.

Staff Sergeant Walsh also serves as a Lieutenant of the Regional Rehab Unit for the Cherry Hill Fire Department which provides support and offers food to the Firefighters responding to multiple alarm fires. In addition, he volunteers with the local food pantry and with the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

SSG John Walsh is married to his wife Kay, and is the proud father of four children and grandfather to thirteen grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring SSG John Walsh, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country and to those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Monday, June 13, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

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HONORING LUISA CANESTRI HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today during National Nurses Week to join the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Luisa Canestri Howard. Luisa is not only a special part of the VA Connecticut family, she is also one of my closest cousins and I am so proud to have the opportunity to recognize her for her outstanding career in nursing.

Luisa began her career at the West Haven VA in January of 1982. Luisa had a special place in her heart for our nation's veterans and she wanted to use her talents to help improve their lives and support their healthcare needs. Her first station was as a staff nurse on G 5 East which was a medical floor. She then moved to a staff nurse on the Medical ICU, then worked in Cardiology research. After that she became the Nurse Manager of the Specialty Clinics. As a staff nurse Luisa held certifications in Medical Surgical nursing and in Research Nursing. In 2007 she was awarded the Nightingale award for excellence in nursing and in 2009 she was awarded the VISN1 Distinguished Federal Manager Award.

In 2013 Luisa started her current role as Nurse Manager of Case Management where she became responsible for the day-to-day operations of the unit. Luisa has provided remarkable leadership, encouragement, and instruction to those who have served in her department. Her colleagues say "Luisa is a true veteran advocate who always does the right thing in every situation. She is a true mentor to our nurses and provides unwavering support to all members of our team and especially to our veterans."

For the last forty years, Luisa has dedicated her professional career and personal compassion to nursing and providing the best possible care for our veterans. I can clearly remember my aunt talking about how she always dreamed of being a nurse but for many reasons was unable to achieve that dream. Luisa became the nurse her mother always wanted to be, fulfilling that dream, and exceeding all her mother's brightest wishes. It is so fitting that her retirement comes during National Nurses Week so that we may pay tribute to Luisa Canestri Howard and the remarkable career she has led. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this new life chapter.

## HONORING DR. ALEX JOHNSON

**HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alex Johnson, who will soon be retiring after nearly a decade of service as Cuyahoga Community College's President.

Dr. Johnson retires a pillar of the Cleveland community. His deep commitment to Tri-C's students and forward-thinking leadership helped shape graduates who were prepared for a lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio.

After becoming President of Tri-C in 2014, Dr. Johnson shared his vision for pushing Tri-C into the future by making degree programs, workforce training opportunities and personal enrichment classes more accessible to Northeast Ohioans. As a result, Tri-C continues to expand opportunity through high-quality education and skills training right here in the Greater Cleveland area.

Under Dr. Johnson's leadership, Tri-C's Nursing, Creative Arts, Public Safety, Hospitality Management, Information Technology and Manufacturing programs were reorganized to provide training and pathways for students entering some of the most in-demand career fields. He also spearheaded new investments in workforce training, like the College's Transportation Innovation Center in Euclid, as well as new programs aimed at uplifting those in low-income and distressed areas across the region.

During Dr. Johnson's tenure, Tri-C produced a record number of graduates and increased its graduation rates. It is hard to overstate the impact of this legacy. More students are graduating from Tri-C with the skills and information they need for a lifetime of success. Meanwhile, our workforce grows stronger thanks to the fact that around 85 percent of Tri-C graduates stay and work in the region.

Even in the most trying moments, Dr. Johnson's leadership proved to be crucial. Throughout the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Johnson served as a steady hand at the helm, ensuring students' continued success. Tri-C successfully transitioned to an on line learning and working environment and scaled its technology capabilities to maintain the school's promise to its students.

Dr. Johnson oversaw an era of growth, adaptation, and modernization at Tri-C, all while remaining committed to the school's core mission of delivering affordable higher education, providing equitable job opportunities, and ensuring successful degree completion. He helped to forge Tri-C into a vanguard of our local community and a model for community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is one of true distinction. His tenure as Tri-C president represents the culmination of a 40-year career in higher education. Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Dr. Johnson has also been an active and leading member of the Cleveland community. He has served on various boards, including the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Ideastream, Playhouse Square, MAGNET, Team NEO, and the Greater Cleveland Partnership.